

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY:** Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) operates the weekly Benton Harbor Farmers Market during the growing season each year with a goal of increasing residents' fruit and vegetable consumption, especially among lower income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Benton Harbor Farmers Market provides areas residents with opportunity to increase accessibility, acceptability, and familiarity of fruits and vegetables and accepts WIC Project FRESH coupons, Senior Market FRESH vouchers, SNAP benefits (Michigan Bridge Cards), and Double Up Food Bucks benefits, thereby increasing access and affordability to healthier foods; and

**WHEREAS**, the target populations to be served through this grant project are residents of Berrien County, particularly the residents in the City of Benton Harbor, who are at risk for preventable health problems and are disproportionately affected by obesity and related illnesses.

**WHEREAS**, BCHD wishes to apply for grant funding to support the upcoming farmers market season from Lakeland Health Foundation in the amount of \$10,000; and

**WHEREAS**, BCHD will use this funding to provide various types of market support, such support includes staff time and oversight, market supplies, and outreach materials; and


**WHEREAS**, the Board of Health endorses the submission of the application, pending approval of its Corporate Counsel.

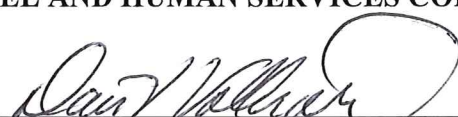
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes BCHD to submit this application to Lakeland Health Foundation.

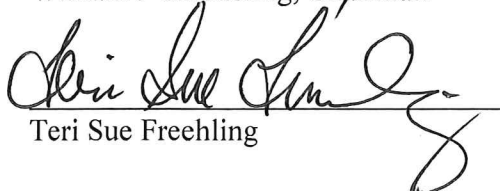
Resolution endorsed by the  
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Margaret A. Kohring, Chair

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

  
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William J Chickering, Chairman

  
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David Vollrath, Vice-Chairman

  
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Teri Sue Freehling

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator <u>lv</u>	Date <u>3/19/20</u>
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel <u>2</u>	Date <u>3/10/20</u>
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